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13 November 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Carey

FROM: Assistant Director, OCD

SUBJECT: 3rd day of the Clark Committee task
force in OCD

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of [REDACTED] and my Executive, [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A 2. The Chief of the Register, [REDACTED] 25X1A conducted the briefing and apparently did an excellent job. Col. Miller asked [REDACTED] 25X1A to tell me that [REDACTED] had performed exceedingly well.

25X1A 3. Most of the morning was spent in [REDACTED] 25X1A office, and relatively few questions were asked. [REDACTED] 25X1A

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They asked no questions at all about other biographic intelligence units in the government.

Col. Miller wished to know whether the Register restricted itself entirely to scientists and technicians, or whether it would also hold data on financial figures and other personalities connected with industry. Told that such data were held, in support of ORR and Industrial Register, he asked if we would have anything on an industrialist [REDACTED] 25X1A in 25X1A Ace.

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25X1A Thereupon Mr. Wilpers led the visitors to the French Desk, held by [REDACTED] 25X1A and put the question to her. "Oh yes," she said, [REDACTED] 25X1A She pulled the dossier and it proved to be quite complete.

25X1A Col. Miller then asked how the Register handled difficult requests, when the requester knew very little about the men. "For example," he said, "I once met a man in Brussels who was teaching some scientific subject, and all I can remember is that his last name was [REDACTED] 25X1A [REDACTED] took him to the Soundex file, and the clerk in charge ran down the name [REDACTED] 25X1A and found seven or eight. One was a Belgian, and was coded as a teacher. When the dossier was pulled it proved to be the man the Colonel had met.

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4. A number of questions were put to Branch Chiefs and individual analysts, but none were critical or troublesome. Both Col. Miller and Mr. Magruder behaved in a friendly and affable manner throughout and did not, as on the preceding two days, make pointed efforts to check the accuracy of what they were told by asking the same questions of several different people.

5. Graphics Register was visited in the afternoon from 12:45 to 3:00. I accompanied them, and the briefing was handled by [REDACTED] Chief of the Register, and his Deputy [REDACTED]

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Most of the time was spent in [REDACTED] office on an oral briefing. They got restive about 2:00, and we got up and toured the building. Questions were asked of the Branch Chiefs and several analysts, but the visitors were evidently weary and did not put much energy in it.

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6. We got no clear impression today of any particular trends in their thinking. They made it clear to [REDACTED] this morning that they were favorably impressed by the Biographic Register, and this afternoon they seemed weary and just a bit bored. Col. Miller did ask in Graphics Register just how many people had the combination to the vault area where the photo files are kept, and asked if the charwomen could get in there when no officer was present. This was the only question which bore any relation to those of the previous days.

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